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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kristi Rupert on 11 February 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

## In the claims

Claims 64 and 66 have been amended as follows:

- 64. A method of screening or evaluating a medicine <u>for</u> treatment or improvement of a corneal epithelial damage, which comprises the steps of:
- (i) administering a medicine to a damaged ocular cornea of the experimental animal claimed in Claim 44; and
  - (ii) evaluating a therapeutic effect thereof on the corneal epithelial damage.
- 66. A method of screening or <u>evaluating a medicine</u> for treatment or improvement of a corneal <u>evaluating</u> epithelial damage, which comprises the steps of:
- (i) administering a medicine to a damaged ocular cornea of the experimental animal claimed in Claim 55; and
  - (ii) evaluating a therapeutic effect thereof on the corneal epithelial damage.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel M Sullivan whose telephone number is 571-272-0779. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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